

**November 1, 2012**

**Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.**

**Detroit Free Press: Disbarred prosecutor Karen Plants loses appeal**

"The Michigan Supreme Court has turned down an appeal from a former top drug prosecutor for Wayne County who was disbarred for allowing perjury at a 2005 trial. The court won't upset the punishment ordered last spring by the Attorney Discipline Board."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

**The Oakland Press: Disbarred Wayne County drug prosecutor loses appeal at Supreme Court**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**The Detroit News: Poll: No clear leader in High Court races despite spending; Candidates pouring millions into three contests**

"The battle for control of the Supreme Court could become the most expensive state supreme court race in the country, according to the Michigan Campaign Finance Network, which estimates spending will top \$10 million. And despite those efforts, no clear leader in either of the three contests surfaced in a new Detroit News/WDIV Local 4 poll."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

**The Detroit News: The Silly Season: As Election Day approaches, political mailers, TV ads sling mud and spend big in hopes of influencing Michigan voters**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**The Detroit News: Election 2012: Our endorsements**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Stateside: Justice Brian Zahra's case for candidacy**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**The Michigan View: Frank Beckmann: Supreme dishonesty**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**The Detroit News: Macomb County commissioners win contract dispute in appeals court**

"Both Macomb County commissioners and County Executive Mark Hackel are claiming victory in a state Court of Appeals ruling that granted the board authority to review and approve contracts.... The [lawsuit Hackel filed against the board in February] sought to invalidate a policy the board established last year that gives it control over most county contracts."

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

**Detroit Free Press: Judge rules on Macomb County contracts, but Hackel, commissioners disagree on what it means**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**Crain's Detroit Business: Appeals court ruling backs Macomb County commissioners' power to review business contracts**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **The Daily Tribune: Macomb County board wins ruling in power struggle with Hackel**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **The Detroit News: Editorial: Vote the whole ballot**

"... Don't forget to vote for nonpartisan judicial candidates and proposals. Even if you vote a straight-party ticket, you're only half done. The nonpartisan section consists of all judicial races, including the state Supreme Court. The same is true for statewide and local ballot proposals."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Brian Dickerson: Working to make pro-choice voters irrelevant**

Columnist Brian Dickerson writes "... I wonder how many pro-choice Michiganders of either gender even know where candidates seeking their vote for state representative -- or state Supreme Court justice, or county prosecutor -- stand on the abortion issue. Because if you haven't identified the office seekers who share your pro-choice views, chances are Right to Life's savvy voters took them out months ago."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **Battle Creek Enquirer: Learning about the law: 'Teen Talk' hopes to enlighten teens**

"... Bridges to Cultural Understanding, an organization founded in 2008, is hosting 'Teen Talk,' a discussion that local authorities in the judicial system will have with teens. The officials will cover topics including teens in the criminal justice system."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **City Pulse/Lansing: Victory for open carriers: State Court of Appeals reverses Circuit Court ruling on the Capital Area District Library's ability to regulate guns**

"'Cloud nine' is how the president of Michigan Open Carry described his emotions upon learning of a state Court of Appeals ruling today involving the Capital Area District Library's ability to regulate guns in libraries."

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **City Pulse/Lansing: Circuit seat: Last-minute ad spices up judicial race**

"A field of five candidates in August's primary election for a vacant 30th Circuit Court judge seat was narrowed to two — and things between those two have gone sour."

[\*Full story\*](#)

### ***Also see:***

## **City Pulse/Lansing: 10/31/12 Radio Show (30th Circuit Court judicial candidates Ken Ross and Jim Jamo, 14:45-27:45 minute mark)**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **City Pulse/Lansing: Endorsements and coverage (local and statewide judicial races)**

[\*Full story\*](#)

## **City Pulse/Lansing: Election coverage 2012: Going negative 54B District Court race gets political**

"In an email to his supporters, state Rep. Mark Meadows — who is seeking the judgeship of the 54B District Court — said even though his opponent has decided to distribute 'negative' campaign materials, he won't be doing the same."

[Full story](#)

### **Daily Press & Argus: Former probate judge backs Lori Marran**

Former Probate Judge Susan L. Reck writes "Having had the honor of serving as Livingston County probate judge for 18 years until retirement in 2007, I would like to ask your readers to consider voting for Lori Marran for that nonpartisan position Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Women Lawyers hold 20th Annual Stell Scholarship Award ceremony**

"The Mid-Michigan chapter of the Women Lawyers Association held its 20 Annual Stell Scholarship award ceremony in honor of Judge David L. Jordon at the Kellogg Center on October 27, 2012."

[Full story](#)

### **Ingham County Legal News: Domestic Violence exhibit debuts at Michigan Supreme Court Learning Center**

"... Speaking at the [domestic violence] exhibit's opening ceremony on October 23, Justice Michael F. Cavanagh thanked Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, 56A District Court Judge Julie Reincke of Charlotte, Learning Center docent Patricia Babcock of Lansing, and Mason High School teacher Linda Pierce for helping the Learning Center create the exhibit."

[Full story](#)

### **Jackson Citizen Patriot: Consumers Energy's \$36 million refund to customers to offset rate hike affirmed by state court ruling this week**

"The state was right to order Consumers Energy to refund \$36 million to offset a residential rate increase after a power plant sale, according to a court ruling this week. However, The Michigan Public Service Commission should not have authorized the Jackson-based utility to collect funds to support an assistance program for low-income families, according to a decision issued by the Michigan Court of Appeals."

[Full story](#)

### **The Macomb Daily: Sentencing delayed for murderer with devil horn tattoos**

"The scheduled sentencing of a convicted murderer tattooed with devil's horns was adjourned Wednesday when the suspect was inadvertently kept at a state prison.... Joseph Reiner, 29, formerly of Fraser, was set to be sentenced Wednesday in Macomb County Circuit Court for the February 2011 stabbing and subsequent death of Joann Eisenhardt of Macomb Township."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: 'An Evening with the Jurists'**

"The Incorporated Society of Irish American Lawyers (ISIAL) in conjunction with the Hellenic Bar Association of Michigan (HBAM) and the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law in honor of its 100th anniversary were pleased to present 'An Evening with the Jurists' on Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the UDM School of Law Atrium in Detroit."

[Full story](#)

### **Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Unprecedented' spending: Carley, Rollstin benefit from \$2M-plus in Circuit Court race**

"The U.S. Supreme Court's controversial decision in the Citizens United case continues to play itself out right here in Oakland County as two candidates for the Oakland County Circuit Court are benefiting from

what is now at least \$2 million in outside spending on television ads from a pair of conservative Arlington, Va.-based groups.”

[\*Full story\*](#)

***Also see:***

**Spinal Column Newsweekly/Waterford: Our endorsements in select contested candidate races**

[\*Full story\*](#)

**WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Local judge accused of fathering child from secret affair**

“A Circuit Court Judge finds himself on the other side of the law as a defendant in a paternity case. Judge Archie Hayman has a long reputation for being tough on deadbeat dads. Is he one? Hayman is facing serious allegations of a 17-year secret love affair with an attorney.”

[\*Full story\*](#)